Words in context: high-frequency vocabulary, set 17

This node drills high-frequency SAT vocabulary using the words-in-context method…



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The idea

This node drills high-frequency SAT vocabulary using the words-in-context method: read the meaning the sentence builds, predict the intended word, then choose the option that matches it exactly. Wrong choices are imprecise, use a different sense, carry the wrong connotation, or contradict the context.

What precise meaning does the sentence build for the blank? Look for a contrast, a restatement, an example, or a tone.

Predict a word from context BEFORE reading the options, then test each for precise meaning, correct sense, matching connotation, and consistency.

Watch every step

By the final mile of the marathon, even the strongest runners began to ___, their pace slowing with every step.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word?

A. surge ✗ *contradicts-context word*

B. flag

C. stumble ✗ *imprecise/loosely-related word*

D. signal ✗ *wrong-sense word*

Why **B** — "flag." Choose the option that matches the prediction most exactly.

Now a harder one

The photographer managed to ___ her lens on the eagle for nearly a full minute before it finally took flight.

Which choice completes the text with the most logical and precise word?

A. avert ✗ *contradicts-context word*

B. practice ✗ *wrong-sense word*

C. glimpse ✗ *imprecise/loosely-related word*

D. train

Why **D** — "train." Choose the option that matches the prediction most exactly.

The method, in one line

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Predict a word from context BEFORE reading the options, then test each for precise meaning, correct sense, matching connotation, and consistency.

Is it precise, not just close? Right sense? Right connotation? Consistent with the context?

Watch out: two traps to dodge

⚠ imprecise/loosely-related word

Selects a word in the right general area but not the precise meaning the sentence builds.

⚠ wrong-sense word

Selects a word whose alternate sense does not match the meaning the context requires.

Name the trap before you pick — most wrong answers are one of these two.

Try it, then watch the walk-through

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